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1. In April 1952, work was started on the construction of an airfield located approximately two kilometers northeast of Ravnets, and approximately five kilometers northwest of Burgasko Ezero (Burgas Lake). 50X1-HUM
2. Five shallow depressions are being dug at 60- to 70-meter intervals. These depressions lie in an east-west direction, and measure 50 to 60 meters in width, one to one and one-half kilometers in length, and approximately 50 centimeters in depth. 50X1-HUM
3. Work at the airfield is supervised by 15 unidentified, Bulgarian-speaking engineers who wear uniforms of an undetermined type. One of the officers remarked that work on the field would be completed in a year. The only mechanical equipment observed at the field was an excavator. The field is under guard 24 hours a day 50X1-HUM
4. Work on the airfield is being done by 5,000 Trudovaks; there are no civilian workers. Some of the Trudovaks are employed in crushing gravel at a point approximately four kilometers west of Ravnets; others are digging sand from a hill one kilometer east of Ravnets. There is no supply or equipment depot of any type located at the field. 50X1-HUM
5. The Trudovaks were housed in tents one and one-half kilometers east of Ravnets; tents held 30 men.²

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